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## CURRENT TOPICS.

Beecher's tomb is guarded by two officers.

Fans & Nibs is the name of a Western firm.

Opium smugglers have been arrested in San Francisco.

Grosmont is employed in making gardens at Fort Pickens, Fla.

Wm. O'Brien, of Pottstown, Pa., has caught a large white rat.

Colony, Inverness, says he will deliver no more anti-religious lectures.

A man in Illinois dodged a colt's kick, fell on a stump and broke four ribs.

The name of Mule Head has been hit upon for a new settlement in Dakota.

Mary Anderson is said to be worth \$500,000 and Lotta only \$400,000—poor thing.

The average weekly consumption of coal in London is \$20,000 tons. This suits them.

Allen G. Thurman keeps no horses because Mrs. Thurman is afraid to ride or drive.

One-fourth the milk dealers in Boston, the local inspector of milk assets, are dishonest.

Mrs. Beecher has gone to Florida for a month, accompanied by her niece, Miss Bullard.

Forty snow-storms and one hundred days of good sleighing constitute a Vermont winter.

Lizzy is to have a monument in the musical town of Bayreuth that will cost the citizens \$2,000.

A seven-year-old boy has arrived in Boston, having made the journey from San Francisco alone.

The largest library in the world is the Imperial at Paris, which contains over two million volumes.

Speakers and Mrs. Carlisle are to go to Europe for the summer after a preliminary visit to their son in Kansas.

Kansas claims to have more free school houses in proportion to population than any other State in the Union.

Electrical science is enriching the language in a jaw-breaking manner. "Telegraphograph" is the latest contribution.

The Car of Russia probably knows better than any other living man how "un-easy lies the head that wears the crown."

A Bostonian is the owner of 400 dogs of every variety—the largest number possessed by any single person in the world.

Senator Ingalls preserves the first fee he ever received as a lawyer, namely, a table and a high desk, made by a carpenter client.

Los Cooks, of Long Lick, Ky., is not yet sixteen years old, but he is 6 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, and wears a No. 11 boot.

A Cairo (Ill.) man was fined \$25 for disorderly conduct because he notified a lady in the street that a part of her skirt had become loosened.

Fred Grant's physical resemblance to his father increases with his years. He is said to resemble his father also in his fondness for smoking.

Two women in Chicago have been supporting their worthless husbands and helpless children for several months past by systematic shoplifting.

This country consumes 40,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine a year. And yet nearly every grocery in the country swears he wouldn't handle the stuff.

It is estimated that the amount of money spent in connection with hunting in Great Britain is \$25,000,000 per season. There are 300 packs, including harriers.

It is now pretty well established that the late accident on the Boston and Providence railroad was due to a defect in the original plan of the bridge which fell.

When Theodore Tilton was told of Mr. Beecher's death and asked whether he had anything to say, he shook his head sadly and answered: "No; it will do no good now."

In a little log cabin in Dinwiddie County, Va., fifty-four persons, aged respectively, nine-four, ninety-seven, eighty-seven and eighty-six years—the first two men and wife.

Ferdinand Ward runs a little steam printing press that prints cigar and tobacco labels. He has a perpetual sneer on his face, and is regarded as a surly, disagreeable fellow.

Glanders have attacked a large number of horses in Liberty Township, near Unionville, Mo. Many horses have been slaughtered and burned to prevent the disease spreading.

Lee McWhorter has written a book in which he says that workmen in Naples live on ten cents a day; bread for breakfast; bread, wine and macaroni for dinner and macaroni for supper.

The new law converting, under certain conditions, places of 300,000 inhabitants or over into central reserve cities, may ultimately deprive New York City of part of its financial pre-eminence.

The arguments on the motion for a new trial for the Chicago Anarchists are completed, and their fate rests with the supreme court of Illinois. It is thought that a decision will not be reached until next September.

While Miss Fortescue and her mother, Mrs. Finney, were visiting the fire department at St. Louis one of the horses seized the back of Mrs. Finney's seakins, tore it in his mouth and tore it off, leaving the lady with only the front.

Winter wheat prospects in twenty-five Illinois counties are reported favorable and the general outlook in Missouri and Wisconsin is promising. The situation in Kansas is improved. Wheat in some portions of Michigan is in bad condition.

Senator Ingalls tells a Washington reporter that he can not afford to go to Europe this summer because he is too awful poor. Perhaps the real cause is that the Senator is afraid to put himself in an attitude to be knocked down and kicked by John Bull.

Mrs. Rosenberg, of the Treasury Department, is considered one of the very best counterfeit detectors in the world. Hundreds and thousands of dollars have been thrown out by her remarkable skill after they had been passed by less astute detectors. She receives \$1,500 per annum.

## TEN LIVES LOST

By the Burning of a Boarding-House in Michigan.

Nine Others Injured or Burned, and Five Will Die.

BESSEMER, MICH., March 23.—Ten charred and unrecognizable bodies lay on the snow-covered ground near the center of this village all this morning, victims of a boarding-house fire before daylight. The bodies were those of John Sutton, Henry Saam, John Brassa, William Williams, Max Prindle, John Lyons, Thomas Brassa, James Roal, John Rizzo. Yesterday they were miners working in the Colby mine. The Brassas are father and son. In neighbor's houses, groaning in agony. Their names are: Celesti Pierre, James Lynch, C. C. Brassa, August Pierre, John Floyd. These are frightfully burned. In the case of Brassa both eyes being destroyed and his ears burned off. The fire broke out at four o'clock this morning in Miller's boarding-house, a cheap two-story frame building in the heart of the town. In the second story of this tinderbox twenty-one men were quartered last night. Miller and his wife and two servant girls occupied apartments on the ground floor. Mrs. Miller was awakened by the stifling smoke, and aroused her husband. The two fled in their night clothes and gave the alarm. Miller immediately returned to the house and dragged out the servant girls, who were then unconscious. He had to pass through a wall of fire, and was badly burned. The girls were shockingly but not fatally burned. The men upstairs could not be made to know their danger. Shout after shout failed to make them stir. Suddenly the face of one appeared at the window, and an instant later the owner of it leaped to the ground. He broke both legs. The other windows were thrown up and the flames lighted up the faces of other men. They all seemed loth to leap, but nine of them made the jump. Every one of these sustained serious injuries. Five lingered so long before jumping as to sustain burns which will result fatally. There is no fire department here, and all the people could do was to watch the human pyre. The ladders that were raised to the windows snapped and burned like paper. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mrs. Miller says she went over the house just before retiring and found everything all right. The miners had only recently returned from New York and New Jersey to work in the Colby mine. The dead will be given a public funeral to-morrow. The coroner will make an investigation.

## THE END OF THE WORLD

Prophecies by a Georgia Colored Girl—The People Terrified.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A Times special from Atlanta, Ga., says: There is great excitement among the colored people and the ignorant whites along the base of the Kewasa Mountain in Cobb and Gordon Counties. For some time a colored girl named Lillie Marles, near Calhoun, has claimed to hold converse with the angels, who told her many wonderful events of the future. She was commanded to ascend the neighboring hill, where she would have a revelation made to her. She returned in deep ecstasy, she claims that when she reached the summit an angel lifted her high up in the air, whence she could overlook the world. "All shall be destroyed," said the angel, "on the first Saturday in December next; an earthquake will swallow up Calhoun. This will be accompanied by a whirlwind. Then a great fire will burn all that is left, and we unto him who is not ready for the great day." Many other things were said, all of which were listened to with the greatest of interest by the colored people. The excitement thus created has been fanned into a fierce flame by the appearance of a Greek cross suspended over Mount Kewasa. It looked as if it were of rainbow origin. After hanging for half an hour before the astonished citizens it slowly dissolved. Several times since the apparition has been witnessed, and thus the terror, which at first was confined to the negroes, has now extended to the whites, and the result is prayer-meetings of great interest. The first Saturday of December is looked forward to as a day of terror.

## Making Quick Work of Nihilists.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—It is reported that six persons were captured on Sunday in connection with the recent plot to assassinate the Czar and hanged on Monday. Degioeff, the man who murdered Lieutenant Colonel Sudeikin, Russian Chief of Police, three years ago, and who was suspected of having planned the plot against the Czar's life, is said to have been one of the six.

## Nothing Small About Adrian.

DULUTH, MINN., March 23.—S. W. Adrian, of Minneapolis, has laid claim to a large amount of property in the heart of this city, which he claims was deeded to his father by Wacouta, an Indian chief who died in 1854, and who, it is said, once owned the site of Duluth. The land claimed by Adrian is now worth \$10,000,000.

## School Suffrage for Women.

TRENTON, N. J., March 23.—In the House the bill giving women the right to vote for school trustees in school districts was passed unanimously.

## Hog-Slaughter at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 23.—During the year ending March 1, the hog-slaughter at Chicago was 4,426,000 head, a decrease of 501,000 compared with the preceding year. The number of cattle slaughtered during the same period was 1,635,000.

## A Domestic Tragedy.

NEWARK, O., March 24.—Jacob Broad, a wife-whipper of this city, was, in a hot dispute, treated to a pan of scalding water in the face, from the injuries of which he died in agony. The poor wife has become insane.

## WICKED WOLVERINES.

They Work a Novel Bank Swindle to an Unknown Extent.

DETROIT, MICH., March 24.—A big bank swindle has been discovered here, which appears to have been almost national in the breadth of its operations. Some parties have had engraved drafts and checks of the "Marlette Exchange Bank," of Marlette, Mich., and these have been filled out for various sums, ranging from \$5 to \$75 each, and negotiated throughout the country. For two or three days past these fraudulent papers have been coming into the First National Bank of this city, from all parts of the Union for collection. One which came in yesterday is a fair sample. It was drawn for \$5,650, and was signed by "John B. Martin, Cashier." There is no such institution as the "Marlette Exchange Bank of Marlette." That village has but two banks and they are the Bank of Marlette and the First National Bank of Marlette. The extent of the fraud is not known, but it appears to have been of great magnitude.

## ATTEMPTED LYNCHING.

The Victim Escapes from a Mob of Mailed Men.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., March 24.—An attempt at lynching was made last night. Frank Guyer, a painter, it is alleged, had forsaken his wife and children and taken up his residence with another woman. Last night a man called him out. Instantly a crowd of masked men surrounded him, and commenced beating him. After pounding him, they asked him to promise to return to his wife. He refused, when they informed him they would tar and feather him, and hang him from the railroad bridge. The mob started in that direction with him, but Guyer fought hard, and finally was successful in making his escape. He is seriously injured and confined to his house. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the deed.

## Haddock Murder Case Jury Completed.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 24.—At 9 o'clock this morning the work of impaneling a jury in the Haddock case was continued, and at 10:30 the panel was full, the State having exhausted its peremptories, while the defense had yet four challenges unexercised. The jurors are C. M. Goss, John Madden, John Adair, C. C. Bartlett, E. P. Webster, W. H. Bennett, Dennis Murphy, Thomas Riley, Thomas Frazier, David Keiffer, John O'Connor and John O'Connell. John Adair is the only resident of the city.

## Three Hundred Tramps Burned.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The steamer Belgica arrived to-day from China and Japan, and brought news of a dreadful tragedy at Asia Shih-Chan, China, twenty miles northeast of Hongkong. Over three hundred tramps appeared at the village and greatly irritated the inhabitants. The villagers inveigled the whole body into a temple, and during the night set fire to it. Only forty of the occupants of the building escaped—the remainder burned to death.

## An Exploded Chestnut.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Every few weeks the country is informed that the Tongue River Indians, in Montana, are starving to death. The reiteration of this report wearied Commissioner Atkins, and he recently took steps to find out the facts. He has to-day received a dispatch from Agent Upshaw to the effect that no Indians under that agency have starved to death, and that they are drawing their customary rations.

## Through a Bridge.

RICHMOND, VA., March 24.—This morning a freight train went through a bridge nine miles from Liberty, on the Norfolk and Western railroad. The bridge was in process of repair. Eight or nine workmen were killed and several others wounded. None of them were train hands, so far as known. The engine and several cars crossed the bridge safely before the structure gave way.

## Sad Result of a Love Affair.

MINNEVA, O., March 24.—Charles Boerner, a baker and confectioner, loved Lily Morledge, daughter of a merchant. About two weeks ago his ardor cooled, and he deserted the girl. Mr. and Mrs. Morledge brooded over the affair until they both became insane, and their daughter is now lying at the point of death, her illness having been caused by the action of her faithless lover.

## A Lady Dies of Frigh.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Mrs. Theresa died quite suddenly at her residence, 1389 North Twenty-fourth street, this city, early this morning. Her death is said to have resulted from fright occasioned by a street-car conductor named Adair breaking into her rooms at a late hour last night and attempting to assault her. Adair was arrested, and is held to await the results of an investigation.

## Frightful Accident to a Boy.

LOGANSPORT, IND., March 24.—At Cassville, east of here, while the eleven-year-old son of T. M. Daniel was under the saw in his father's saw-mill, he was caught by the revolving saw, literally splitting him open, exposing his lungs and other vital organs. He is still alive, but can not recover.

## New Minister to Turkey.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The President this afternoon appointed Oscar S. Straus, of New York, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Turkey. Mr. Straus is a prominent New York importer. He was president of the Cleveland and Hendricks Business Men's Club in 1884.

## Well-Known Actress Dead.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Mrs. Nat Goodwin, the wife of the well-known comedian, and who is better known to theater-goers generally as Miss Eliza Wetherby, died to-night.

## ASHORE.

Wreck of the Steamship Scotia in Long Island Sound.

She is Beached to Prevent Her Sinking in Deep Water—Her Passengers Saved.

NEW YORK, March 25.—As one of the coast patrol of Blue Point Life-saving Station on Long Island was broasting a gale at a little before dawn this morning in an endeavor to reach the end of his beat, he saw a big ocean steamer coming in toward the sands at dangerous velocity. She soon struck with a force that made her masts bend like willows and then swinging broadside was hit blow after blow by the incoming breakers that nearly put her on beam ends. As the coast guard turned his back on the wind and double-quick for the station he saw one particularly heavy sea strip the steamer of her rigging, and directly afterward her masts went by the board. In a comparatively short time the entire lot of the life saving station were on the beach abreast of the vessel working like beavers to furnish needed aid. With each half hour the gale increased in violence, and it was not until ten o'clock that a life-line was fairly landed on the docks. Another line followed, and the surf-boat was sent alongside. Then began the work of sending passengers ashore. Men were sent on the brooches buoy, while women and children were consigned to the more comfortable surf-boat. Nearly two hundred in all were landed this way, when rescuing steamers arrived and took off the remainder of the people. The steamer was the Scotia, ten days overdue from the Mediterranean, with eight hundred Italian steerage passengers, five hundred of whom she had taken from a sister ship which had been sunk in the Bay of Naples by the iron-clad man-of-war Italia. The Scotia's cargo, consisted of fruit, macaroni and wines. Her engines became disabled when within fifteen miles of Fire Island, and the captain, in order to save the passengers, ran the vessel ashore, rather than take the chance of foundering in deep water, as did the Oregon. The Scotia can be pulled off.

## A SLEEPER TELESCOPED.

Accident Near Leetonia, O.—One Person Killed, Several Injured.

PITTSBURGH, March 25.—A railway accident occurred about 1 o'clock this morning near Leetonia, O., on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railway, by which one person was killed and a number of passengers injured. The express train which left Chicago in the morning had reached Leetonia. There is a heavy grade at this point and the engineer discovered that the airbrake hose was leaking. He stopped the train, and, while examining it, a freight train came along and dashed into the rear end, completely telescoping the sleeper and the passenger car next. The engineer, William Beall, of Allegheny, who was underneath the engine at the time, being crushed, was horribly crushed and died almost instantly. One person was fatally hurt and seven others seriously injured.

## Chinamen Released from Jail.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 25.—You Sing and Pock Sing, the two Chinamen implicated in the murder of Lou Johnson, a Chinese detective, who was brutally murdered in this city two years ago, and for which two Chinamen have been convicted and two more are now under indictment, were released to-day on their own recognizance. This action was taken by the Court on the recommendation of the Circuit Attorney and others, because it is not believed that the men can be convicted is the only witness against them, Quag Seng, who turned State's evidence in the first trial, has become a lunatic and can be of no further use as a witness, and there is nothing to be gained by keeping the men in jail.

## Appealing to the Fountain Head.

CHICAGO, March 25.—A large force of clerks, armed with directories of the various States, are busily engaged at the offices of the Women's National Christian Temperance Union in sending out an appeal to brewers, distillers, rectifiers, wine dealers and saloon-keepers, urging them to abandon their trade and enlist in the temperance army. The appeal, which is made in the name of the Christian women of the country, is worded in moderate language, and claims that much of the denunciation now heaped upon the saloon-keepers should be directed against the brewers and the distillers, who are the head and front of the traffic.

## A Centenarian III.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 25.—James Hubbard, the centenarian living near here, is very ill, and the dinner in his honor, which was being arranged for Saturday by the Tippecanoe Club, has been indefinitely postponed. There is some fear that Mr. Hubbard may not recover. He will be 102 years old next Sunday. His great-grandfather lived to be 108, his grandfather 102 and his father 98.

## Strange Coincidence.

ATLANTA, ILL., March 25.—Dr. W. T. Kirk, recently appointed postmaster here, died this afternoon. His predecessor, R. T. Gill, also appointed by President Cleveland, died a few weeks ago.

## A Lunatic Burned to Death.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 25.—Meager particulars of a horrible accident at the county almshouse at Jeffersontown were received here to-night. Eliza Betzholle, a lunatic inmate, aged twenty years, was burned to death during the absence of the guard to whose care she was intrusted.

## A Sprightly Centenarian.

FARMERSBURG, W. VA., March 25.—Mrs. Jane Bumgardner, of Boaz, W. Va., an old lady one hundred years and upward of age was in this city to-day, to look after a pension. Mrs. Bumgardner is as sprightly as though she were but fifty years old.

## THE CORONET WINS

The Ocean Race and the \$10,000 Prize—Time, 14 Days, 23 Hours, 34 Minutes and 46 Seconds.

LONDON, March 27.—The Coronet arrived off Queenstown at half-past eleven o'clock this morning. Nothing has been seen of the Dauntless. The Coronet passed the winning point at 12:50 under full press of canvas, the wind at that hour being north-west and fresh. In passing the given line, Roche's Point, the victorious yacht fired five guns, and the time was at once taken by the Secretary and members of the Royal Cork Yacht Club, who had been on the lookout for her arrival. The club then hoisted the signal announcing the Coronet's arrival, the various stations answering the pennant. The wind was blowing hard and the Coronet entered Cork Harbor in spanking style, with all sail set and hugging the western shore. From the start to the finish the Coronet experienced strong gales with tremendous seas. On Tuesday and Wednesday last she hove to for several hours each day, and made only ninety miles in the forty-eight hours. Her average run during the passage was from 230 to 250 miles a day. The Coronet arrived at 12:41 p. m. The apparent time occupied in passage is 14 days, 23 hours 34 minutes and 46 seconds, and the actual time, computed on the Greenwich basis, 14 days 19 hours 3 minutes and 14 seconds. The whole number of nautical miles sailed is 2,949. The longest day's run is 391.5 miles, made on Saturday, March 26, and the shortest 83.5 miles, made on Tuesday, March 22. The weather was uncommonly stormy even for this season of the year. No less than seven heavy gales contrived to keep the sea in foment for eleven days of the trip, and for two days the weather was so severe as to make the question of the yacht's living through them somewhat doubtful.

## A Dangerous Character.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—A man calling himself Billy Connor, who was arrested here one day last week on suspicion of being a crook, and was held on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and who yesterday informed the police that he had a kit of burglars' tools and a lot of explosives in his lodging-room, and advised them to remove the latter for fear they might injure the inmates of the house, was to-day identified by a Chicago post-office inspector as one of the gang who some years ago robbed the post-office at Minneapolis and secured a great quantity of stamps and other valuables. He will be sent to Minneapolis for trial.

## Poisoned on Chemicals.

LEXINGTON, IND., March 27.—Wm. Hendricks, photographer at Nabb Station, became poisoned while experimenting with some chemicals, and will probably die. In compounding a bath consisting of cyanide of potassium and other deadly drugs he unfortunately put a sore finger in the mixture. His hand immediately commenced to swell, and now his whole body is swollen. His physician thinks he will not recover. He is suffering excruciating pain.

## Arthur Memorial Tablet.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The following is the inscription on a brass tablet which has recently been placed in the window in the south transept of St. John's Church: This inscription, in memory of Chester Alan Arthur, is placed here by the vestry. He was the twenty-first President of the United States, a worshiper in the church; and in 1884 erected the window to the memory of his wife. He died November 13, 1886.

## Quick Work in a Criminal Case.

KOKOMO, IND., March 26.—Beecher East, about twenty-four years old, was caught at one o'clock this morning burglarizing Eldridge & Fletcher's grocery and was lodged in jail until circuit court opened. He pleaded guilty, was sentenced for two years and started to Michigan City Penitentiary at 4:30 p. m.

## County-Seat Removed.

ST. PAUL, March 27.—Under authority of a proclamation by Governor McGill, a band of twenty-five armed citizens of Clayton, Minn., appeared at Currie yesterday and removed the records from the county building there to Clayton, which was designated in the proclamation as the county-seat.

## Snow Storms.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., March 27.—Heavy snow fell last night and to-day in all parts of Wisconsin. In this city it averages a foot on the level, and is correspondingly heavy in the northern counties. Trains are generally delayed, owing to drifts, but there are no blockades.

## Child Suffocated.

WELLSTVILLE, O., March 27.—At Hookstown last evening Mrs. Scully put her ten-month-old babe to sleep and gave it to a little girl to put to bed. In a few hours the mother discovered her little one was dead. The child was smothered by clothes placed over its head by the girl.

## Steamer Burned.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—The steamer Chosapeake, belonging to Captain W. P. Hall, running in the Memphis and Tiptonville (Tenn.) trade, burned yesterday morning at New Madrid, Mo. She was valued at \$30,000 and insured for \$15,000.

## Passes in Wisconsin.

MADISON, March 27.—The Wisconsin Legislature has passed a bill requiring railway companies to furnish annual passes, good in Wisconsin, to all members of the Legislature, elective State officers and members of the courts or record.

## Old Lady Fatally Burned.

CINCINNATI, March 27.—Mrs. Nancy Corcoran, aged eighty years, of Walnut Hills, was fatally burned by her clothing becoming ignited from a pipe which she was smoking.

## NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.

The Birthday of Emperor William Celebrated With Great Ecstacy.

Throughout Germany—Services Held in all the Churches and Immense Processions Pass the Imperial Palace and Cheer the Kaiser.

## ORIENTAL REJOICING.

BERLIN, March 23.—Yesterday, the ninety birthday of Emperor William, was celebrated with great ecstacy throughout Germany. This city was crowded with people from all parts of the Empire and the world, who had come for the purpose of witnessing the ceremonies in honor of the event. The first-class hotels were filled with royalty. The weather was fine and the enthusiasm of the people unbounded. The Emperor continues in the best of health and spirits. He received the royal guests at the palace at eleven o'clock in the morning. The reception appeared in no way to fatigue him, and he repeatedly appeared at one of the windows bowing his acknowledgments of the enthusiastic cheers which reached his ears from the crowds on the street below.

The day was ushered in by the tolling of the church and other bells throughout the city. Nearly every building, public and private, was gaily bedecked with flags and bunting in honor of the occasion. Busts of Emperor William were displayed in every show window. Dense crowds in holiday attire filled the streets. Early in the day the school children of all creeds assembled in their school rooms, formed in procession and marched to the churches and synagogues to offer their praises in honor of their beloved Kaiser.

The students of the various universities and colleges marched by the Imperial palace, from a window of which the Emperor reviewed them. The students cheered vociferously as they passed and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed, amounting to a perfect ovation. The Emperor bowed frequently as the students filed by. They sang and the bands played the national anthem. A number of mounted students led the procession. Those who brought up the rear were also mounted. The Imperial family and the royal guests drove in procession to the palace to tender their congratulations. They were loudly cheered by the crowds.

The authorities of the municipality of Berlin proceeded in procession in the morning from the Town Hall to the church of St. Nicholas to participate in the commemorative services celebrated in that edifice. The procession was accompanied by bands of music, trumpeters, etc., and presented a gorgeous appearance. As the clergy and the members of the municipal government, each attired in his robes of office, entered the church, the organ pealed forth a hymn of thanksgiving, and a great shout went up from the crowd surrounding the building. The musical part of the services were strikingly appropriate and the festival sermon a panegyric of the aged Emperor.

At noon a royal salute was fired in the Koenigs Platz, and at one o'clock Prince Bismarck and General Von Moltke arrived at the palace and congratulated the Kaiser. They were enthusiastically cheered on their way to and from the palace, and acknowledged the ovation by repeatedly raising their head covering and bowing to the multitude. The day was celebrated in every town in Germany.

The scenes during the evening were magnificent beyond description. The entire city was illuminated, a large number of luminous decorations being costly and unique, and the sky seemed ablaze with rockets and every conceivable species of fireworks. The most superb spectacle of all was exhibited in front of the Academy of Arts, and consisted of a huge picture three hundred feet long and sixty feet high, depicting some of the most interesting and important events of the Emperor's life.

Prince Bismarck and Count Von Moltke, it is said, have received most munificent rewards for their invaluable service to the State, the character of which, however, is as yet unknown to the public, and all the secretaries of departments (Ministers of the Empire) have been decorated. The Emperor received a deputation of the Imperial household in the evening and in a speech of thanks for their congratulations said: "I have reached this age by the grace of God. If the Lord helps me and wants me to, I may live to see another year."

The Emperor conferred decorations upon Herren Van Puttkamer, Von Bötticher, Von Gossler, Von Schellendorf, and Von Schatz, Dr. Luchter, General Von Caprivi, Count Nesselrode and Count Herbert Bismarck.

The Emperor announced at the Imperial reception, held at the palace in the afternoon, the betrothal of Prince Henry, second son of the Crown Prince of Prussia, to Princess Irene of Hesse. After the reception the Emperor and Empress attended the family dinner given by the Crown Prince, Frederick William, at his palace.

Rain fell during the night, but it did not suffice to interfere with the rejoicings of the people who crowded the streets until a late hour, cheering, singing and admiring the illuminations, which were unquestionably more beautiful and extensive than any hitherto seen in the capital. The Emperor was repeatedly compelled to appear at the windows of the palace during the evening to acknowledge the greetings of the people.

Adventurous Editors Cross the Missouri on the Ice.

MANDAN, DAK., March 23.—Editor Tuttle, of Mandan; Editor Marney, of Miles City, and six others, armed themselves with ropes and staves Monday morning and left Bismarck for Mandan, across the ice. They tramped over two miles of broken ice, and, after several of the party getting ducked, reached terra firma on the west bank. The greatest difficulty was experienced when near the Mandan side. The stream flowing across at the bottom of Main street kept a channel open, and the walking was very precarious, and things looked treacherous, but the party finally landed. The trip from the strait to the Mandan shore was made in about an hour and a half. A great many of the streets are full of water in Mandan.